[illegible]. Direct elk reduction ended on March [illegible]. Live trapping continued through March 31.

Elk are plentiful throughout the Park. Approximately [illegible] were seen in the old Faithful area on the 20th; small herds of elk were observed throughout the entire area of the survey made by the Yellowstone Rangers; in the Lower area 157 were observed on March [illegible], and [illegible] on March 24. In one herd of elk 147 were observed near the Chesapeake Canyon Bridge, just west of Gardiner.

During the month approximately [illegible] elk were tagged, banded and released from trees in Yellowstone for migration studies. Yellowstone's bands are of bright red plastic, about 3 inches wide and are placed around the neck of the animals.

An elk census was conducted on March [illegible] and [illegible] of the northern Yellowstone winter range. Total observed outside the northern boundaries of the Park was [illegible] as compared to 1,[illegible] in 1950. Total observed inside the Park 3,[illegible] as compared with [illegible] observed in 1946.

BOOSE. Several moose were observed in the Snake River district.

OTTER. Two were observed on the Yellowstone River near the mouth of Otter Creek on March 18.

Luis A. Bostelius
Acting Superintendent

In triplicate

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EATHER:	Cold with snowstorms first half of month: below zero temperatures. Maximum 45°, minimum -[illegible]°, precipitation 1.64 inches. -32° at West: snow depth at Old Faithful 35 inches on 28th	1
RAVEL:	Total 582 by car, 226 by snowmobile	1
NSPECTIONS:	Edwin L. Dotterer, Structural Engineer and Kenneth H. Goslin, WODC, in Feb. [illegible]	1
ISITORS:	Ty Hotchkiss, photographer, Feb. 17	1
PECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rangers Davis and Edwards to School of Public Administration in Missoula for month [illegible]. Harrison and Sam Hoover, WASO, to Butte, Power Contract signed Feb. 10; Superintendent and Frank Sylvester to Jackson to attend meeting on elk studies with Jackson Hole Elk Herd Committee, Feb. [illegible]; Assoc. Supr. [illegible] returned from Washington, Feb. 6, Ranger Hughes to Director Ingmanson to Yosemite NP, attend Fourth Session of Training Center, Approval of opening dates for Yellowstone [illegible] Company and Hamilton Stores, Inc.. Park officials [illegible] officials from Grand Teton NP met in St. Anthony, Feb. 11 to finalize 1959 Wage Board Survey, two Civil Service exams; Rolle Everett to Denver on GSA and Property Management Feb. 16-17; Gene McLeod to Denver, Feb. 16-20, attend Safety Seminar for [illegible] area, Superintendent to Everglades NP, Feb. 19 to attend Boating Committee meeting; Engineering Division designation; Beal provided program for Park County Rod & Gun Club, Livingston, Feb. 19; Matson & Rowe to WODC on programming and planning; Gastellum & Haines to Billings to investigate housing [illegible], Feb. 26; Brown returned from Washington, Feb. 23; Condon to Livingston, Feb. 11, presented program to Elks Club; Safety Committee meeting Feb. 4; earthquake Jan. 27 at Old Faithful.	2-3

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IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Second Safety and orientation meeting, Feb. 27	3
MISCELLANEOUS:	NFFE and AFGE held regular monthly meetings; Lennart Y. Berg in hospital; Jesse D. Wharton suffered broken leg; Health Agencies campaign; Ski Meet, Feb. 15; Lecture on flag presented to Yellowstone School students; Pratt received training in Audio-Visualet Fort Lewis, Feb. 2-5; Joffe released from hospital, Feb 1, returned to duty, Feb. 9; Anderson returned to duty Feb. 2	3-4
BIRTHS:	Daughter to Ranger and Mrs. Jack E. Williams	4
PUBLICITY:	Three press releases issued; weekly news issued	4
RELIGIOUS & CHAPEL USE:	Regular Protestant church school and services held; winter ministry committee meeting, Feb. [illegible]	4
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES & EXHIBITS:	Items obtained for Big Hole BNM from Spalding Museum; Progress on roadside exhibits	5
RESEARCH & OBSERVATION:	Golden eagle and goldeneye duck; Orange Spring Mound dry	5
CONCESSIONERS:	Huntley Child returned from La Jolla, Feb. [illegible]; bids opened Feb. 25 for Haynes Picture Shop at Canyon Village; Haynes to Washington, Feb. 26, Western Conference of National Park Concessioners; 1959 brochure for Yellowstone Park Company received Feb. 17	5
CONSTRUCTION:	Approval for bathhouse at Canyon for BSC camp	5
PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE:	Geological Survey representative in for stream gauging; Special feed for elk prepared by MSU in Bozeman; Reduction of 613 elk; Reduction of 13 bison, regular patrols via horseback, ski, oversnow vehicles	5-6
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	One case of illegal killing of elk in Park, $300 fine, guns confiscated	6
FOREST INSECTS:	Insect Laboratory requested 25 samples of over-wintering Spruce budworm	6

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IGHORN:	Two observed on Specimen Ridge	[illegible]
ISON:	Various herds observed throughout the Park	[illegible]
EER:	Observed at Old Faithful	[illegible]
AGLES:	Two observed near Junction Butte	[illegible]
LK:	Large herds observed in Tower Falls, [illegible] and Madison Junction areas	[illegible]
OOSE:	Two observed frequently in Tower Fall [illegible]	[illegible]

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March 13, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for February, 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of Fevruary, 1959:

General

Weather. There were cold days the first half of the month and snowstorms were frequent; on several nights the temperature dropped below zero. The maximum temperature at headquarters was 45° on the 28th while the minimum of -9° was recorded on the 2nd and 9th. Precipitation was 1.64 inches. At West Yellowstone -32° was recorded on the 9th. Snow depth at Old Faithful was 35 inches at the end of the month.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel during the month showed 582 passengers entered the Park in 171 motor vehicles. Fifteen oversnow trips were made from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and return, carrying 226 passengers.

Inspections. Mr. Edwin L. Dottery, Structural Engineer, and Mr. Kenneth H. Goslin, Architect, MODC, were in the Park from the 16th to 20th for study and preparation of working drawings for proposed alteration of existing garage to warehouse structure, and the 1960 F. Y. construction program.

Special Visitors. Mr. Ty Hotchkiss, photographer from Florida, visited the Park on February 17 and 18.

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Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of February, 1959:

General

Weather. There were only one or two days the first half of the month and adversities were frequent; so normal nights are temperatures dropped below zero. The coldest temperatures in Southeastern was 30° on the 25th while the coldest at -47° was recorded on the 3rd and 4th. Precipitation was 1.21 inches. Ice fogs were noticeable on the 22d. Snow depth in the Mammoth area 23 inches at the end of the month.

Incidents or Business to Travel. Travel during the month showed 362 passengers entered the park in 121 motor vehicles. Fifteen overnight cabin were made from this Yellowstone by 121 visitors and reason, carrying 272 passengers.

Superintendent. Mr. Irvin L. Mathews, Educational Supervisor and Mr. Kenneth L. Hodges, Architect, went, were in the park from the 16th to 21st for study and preparation of visitor facilities for proposed alternates of relocating garage in Mammoth Hotelgrounds, and the 18th to 7. Mammoth Hotel program.

Special Visitors. Mr. Ty Bennett, photographer from Pinedale, visited the park on February 17 and 18.

Special Activities. On February 1, Rangers Harold O. Edwards and Eliot Davis departed from the Park to attend the School of Public Administration conducted by the Montana State University at Missoula. They returned February 28.

Superintendent Garrison and Electrical & Electronics Engineer Sam Hoover from Washington Office were in Butte to negotiate on the power contract for the Park on February 7 and 7th. The Superintendent continued to Idaho Falls and Jackson accompanied by Mr. Frank Sylvester to attend a Jackson Hole Elk Herd Committee Meeting on elk studies on February 6. They made an inspection of the Elk Refuge and attended an Izaak Walton League banquet. Superintendent Garrison returned to Butte, and the Montana Power Company contract was signed in Butte on February 10.

Assistant Superintendent Gastellum returned to duty on February 8 after a trip to Washington, D. C.

The Fourth Session of the National Park Service Training Center started in Yosemite National Park on February 9, and will continue until May 1. Ranger John W. Hughes, and Curator John E. Ingmanson attended from Yellowstone National Park.

Superintendent Garrison approved the opening dates for the Yellowstone Park Company and for Hamilton Stores, Inc.

Six Yellowstone officials traveled to St. Anthony, Idaho and met with officials from Grand Teton National Park on February 11, to finalize the 1959 Wage Board Survey. On February 18, recommended wage rates for supervisory Wage Board personnel were forwarded to Region Two Office, wage rates for all other Wage Board personnel were sent to Region on February 13.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination on February 14 for the Federal Service Entrance Examination with eleven participants, and one on February 18 for Clerk-Typist.

Mr. Rolla Everett attended a two-day General Services Administration and Property Management session at Denver, February 16-17.

Mr. Gene McLeod traveled to Denver to attend Safety Seminar held February 16-20, conducted by the Department of Interior for Rocky Mountain area.

Superintendent Garrison traveled to Everglades National Park on February 19 to attend a National Park Service Boating Committee meeting. He will return March 9.

The Engineering Division was designated as the Division of Maintenance and Operation of Physical Facilities on February 18.

Mr. Merrill D. Beal furnished the program for the Park County Rod & Gun Club in Livingston, Montana on February 19, giving an illustrated talk on the Park.

Messrs. Frank Mattson and Gerald Rowe left for WODC Office, San Francisco to confer and review programming and review construction projects planning for the Park. They expect to return March 9.

Messrs. Gastellum and Haines went to Billings on February 26 to investigate housing construction costs with Mr. Orr Pickering, Architect for Yellowstone Park Company, and others.

Chief Park Ranger Brown returned on February 28 from his trip to Washington, D. C. to attend a Management Seminar. He visited Florida and many national parks and monuments enroute home.

Mr. Condon presented a program including "Yellowstone Seasons" to the Elks Club in Livingston on February 11.

The Yellowstone National Park Safety Committee met February 4.

An earthquake was felt at Old Faithful on January 27 and information received from Butte advised it was recorded on the seismograph at Butte and Hungry Horse, Montana.

Administration

Personnel. George J. Tandy, conversion to Career-Conditional Appointment, Mechanic (Auto) Garage Mechanic, Ungraded, February 8.

George J. Tracy, conversion to Career-Conditional Appointment (Subject to Furlough) Fire Control Aid (Dispatcher), GS-5, February 22.

In-Service Training. On February 27 the second session in a winter series of Safety and Orientation was held in the Canteen for all employees and their families.

Miscellaneous. The National Federation of Federal Employees Union held its regular monthly meeting on February 2.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held on the 9th.

Ranger Lennart Y. Berg at West Yellowstone underwent an operation for hernia in Ashton, Idaho on February 2.

On February 15 Power Plant Operator Jesse D. Wharton suffered a broken leg while skiing on Undine Hill.

The National Health Agencies Federal Services campaign was started February 2 and lasted throughout the month.

A Ski Meet was held on Undine Hill, February 15, with five Divisions participating, ranging from Pre-school through High School.

The students at Mammoth school enjoyed a lecture and slides on History, Symbolism and Display of the American Flag, given by Mr. Roy Sommerlad of Livingston who was a seasonal ranger in the Park last summer.

Personnel Assistant Henry J. Pratt received military reserve officer's training in Audio-Visual Aid School at Fort Lewis, Washington, February 2-5.

Mr. Joseph Joffe was released from the hospital on February 1 and returned to the office on February 9.

Mr. Ernest R. I. Anderson returned to the office on February 2.

Births. A daughter, Bunny Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Memorial Hospital, Livingston, Montana on February 3. Mr. Williams is employed as a Ranger with the National Park Service.

Cooperative Activities

General Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of Park happenings.

Three press releases were issued: February 12, on Montana Power Company taking over power supply in the Park; February 17, "Establishment Day"; February 18, New Feed used to entice elk into traps.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular church school and Protestant church services.

On February 9 the winter ministry committee met in Gardiner, Montana. Mr. Condon attended as a representative of the Superintendent's Church Committee.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Mr. David de L. Condon visited the Spalding Museum in Spalding, Idaho on February 4 to obtain Nez Perce items for Big Hole Battlefield National Monument.

Roadside exhibit design work is progressing and considerable library research has been necessary to develop and document authentic information for these exhibits.

Layouts for the exhibit for the West Entrance road and two exhibits to be placed on site of old Canyon Lodge are finished.

Research and Observation. On February 14 Park Naturalist Beal observed a Golden eagle rising from Soda Butte Creek carrying a female goldeneye duck. The eagle dropped the duck into the snow and flew to a dead tree. Mr. Beal waited for the eagle to return to its prey but after about 20 minutes the duck regained sufficient strength to fly over the road to the open waters of the creek.

Observations on the Hot Spring Terraces indicate that the Orange Spring Mound is completely dried up.

Concessioners. On February 8, Mr. Huntley Child returned from a meeting of the Yellowstone Park Company officials held in La Jolla, California.

Haynes Inc., in Bozeman, opened bids on February 25 for construction of the Haynes Picture Shop at Canyon Village. A contract was awarded but we have no information as to the contractor and the amount.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haynes left Bozeman on February 26 for Washington, D. C. where they will attend a meeting of Western Conference of National Park Concessioners.

The new 1959 brochure for the Yellowstone Park Company was received February 17. This new folder is very attractive and contains excellent color pictures of the Park.

Construction. Approval for the completion of the bathhouse at Canyon Blister Rust Control camp was received on the 17th, Allotment Advice of $2,700.

Protection and Ranger Service. A representative of Water Resources Geological Survey, Boise, Idaho made a trip to Tower Fall for stream gauging on the Lamar River.

Rangers have been experimenting with special feed for elk. Officials at Montana State University at Bozeman have prepared several experimental feeds to entice elk into traps.

During the month 613 elk were removed from the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd by direct control; 198 live trapped; and estimated hunter kill 221.

Bison reduction during the month totaled 13 animals.

Rangers made patrols via horseback, snowmobile and skis, gave help to tourists in difficulties in the snow, and made boundary patrols.

Law Enforcement. There was one case of illegal killing of elk in the Park. Three men were taken before the U. S. Commissioner and fined $100 each, and their guns confiscated.

Forest Insects. The Forest Insect Laboratory at Missoula has requested that we send them 25 bole samples from the northern part of Yellowstone Park for incubation of over-wintering Spruce budworm.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BIGHORN. Two Bighorn were observed on Specimen Ridge on the 18th.

BISON. Various herds were observed in the Park. One large herd is ranging in the Horseshoe area and Slough Creek; 105 were observed between Old Faithful and Nez Perce Creek; 199 were counted on the 13th, 154 were in the Lower Basin; 31 were observed in the Biscuit Basin area.

DEER. Seventeen deer were counted in the Old Faithful area on the 15th. Several bucks have been observed during the month.

EAGLES. Two bald eagles and one golden eagle were observed near Junction Butte on the 20th, and one bald eagle was observed on the 24th.

ELK. Large herds have been observed in the Tower Fall area. It is estimated there are 400 wintering in the Gallatin area in and adjoining the Park. On February 27, at Madison Junction, 51 animals were observed.

MOOSE. Two moose have been observed almost every day this month near the Yellowstone Bridge in the Tower Fall area.

Lemuel A. Garrison
Superintendent

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MISCELLANEOUS:	NFFE annual election; AFGE hold regular meeting; school resumed Jan. 5; Explorer Scouts to Norris; Pratt promoted to First Lieutenant; Jerry Abbie honored; Community Council annual election; YLMA annual meeting; Joffee in hospital; Child and Galusha members of MSU Council; Snowmobiles, 19 trips, carrying 120 passengers; new accounting system; geographical distribution of payrolls; quarterly report FICA & FI tax; employees from various states;	4-5-6
BIRTHS:	Son, Nps employee, temporary	6
DEATHS:	Mrs. Luisa Holm, Sweden; Mrs. Louise Condon, Utah	6
MARRIAGES:	Hughes-Lubbock	7
ACCIDENTS & PUBLIC SAFETY:	Safety meeting, Jan. 13	7
PUBLICITY:	Annual travel story for 1958; Weekly News issued	7
RELIGIOUS & CHAPEL USE:	Regular Services; Rev. Ost in to discuss Student Ministry	7
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES *& EXHIBITS:	Nez Perce Collection items listed	7
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PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE:	Horseback, ski, oversnow patrols, road plowing	8
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	Felony offense committed in 1956 cleared; Y.PCo. fraud case cleared; Y.P.Co. embezzlement case resolved	8
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Inspection of government buildingsin Mammoth Village	8
ANTELOPE	Observed frequently, 79 on Jan. 31	8
BIRDS:	Waterfowl and Bald Eagle census	8
BISON:	Reduction started Jan. 7; 31 animals removed through Jan. 31	8

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OYOTES:	Observed between West Yellowstone and Old Faithful; Few in Gallatin	9
LK:	Reduction started Jan. 12; 603 animals removed through January 31; direct reduction, 409, live trapping, 79, estimated hunter kill, 115	9
ARTEN:	Tracks seen, 1 animal observed East Entrance	9
OOSE:	Observed in several areas	9

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February 13, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for January, 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of January, 1959:

General

Weather. Weather was pleasant with many clear days during January. More precipitation fell during the month than for January 1958. Total precipitation at Mammoth was 1.06 inches, at Tower Fall, 1.33 inches, and Lake, 1.82 inches, compared with last January of .36 inches at Mammoth, .54 inches at Tower Fall, and .87 inches at Lake. The maximum temperature at headquarters for the month was 45 degrees on January 12, and the minimum for the month was -29 degrees on January 3. On January 2, the following temperatures were recorded: West Yellowstone, -49 degrees, Northeast, -41 degrees, Lamar, -38 degrees, Old Faithful, -31 degrees.

Snow courses were taken at the end of the month for most of the Park. Courses averages are listed below.

	Snow Depth (av.)	Water Content (av.)
Lake #1	30.6 inches	5.7 inches
Lake #2	26.0 "	4.8 "
Canyon	42.9 "	9.8 "
East Entrance	32.3 "	7.3 "
Sylvan Pass	39.9 "	9.6 "
Northeast Entrance	24.3 "	5.0 "
Norris	27.3 "	5.4 "
Lupine	30.5 "	6.6 "
Lewis River Divide	76.0 "	23.4 "
Snake River	42.0 "	11.0 "

Snow depth was 32 inches at West Yellowstone, and 28 inches at Old Faithful at the end of the month.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel. The total travel in the Park during January was 116 vehicles carrying 395 visitors. Much of the travel through the North Entrance was employee travel and travel from Indian reservations in connection with the reduction program of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd. In January 1958, 145 vehicles entered the Park carrying 503 visitors.

Inspections. Mr. Coleman Newman, biologist from Washington, D. C. was in the Park from January 17 through the 24th observing the management program for the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd.

Mr. Samuel [illegible]. Hoover, Jr., Electrical and Electronics Engineer from the Washington Office arrived in the Park on January 28.

Messrs. J. F. Lykins and George J. Vemesh, GAO auditors from Denver, arrived in the Park on January 20. Mr. Gray, GAO auditor from Washington arrived January 29. They were here on a special assignment covering camping, boating and fishing problems.

Mr. Harold Johnson, Civil Service Board advisor from Denver, arrived on January 19 and spent three days in the Personnel Branch inspecting operations and records and conferring with officials.

Special Visitors. Mr. Carl Hayden, photographer for the Salt Lake Tribune traveled to Old Faithful on January 13 via Snowmobile from West Yellowstone to obtain pictures and information for a story which will be published in the Tribune soon.

Captain Bob Fleet, U.S. Army, visited the Park on his way to Alaska where he will carry on cold weather experiments. Captain Fleet was a ranger in Yellowstone from 1941 to 1944.

Messrs. Trev Povah and Gar Halppie of Hamilton Stores, Inc., Santa Monica, California, visited the Park on January 11.

Special Activities. Superintendent Garrison and Chief Park Ranger Brown attended a meeting of the Directors of the Upper Gallatin Conservation Association in Bozeman on January 8 to discuss the Gallatin elk situation.

Chief Naturalist Condon provided a program of Park slides and narration for the annual Kiwanis Ladies Night on January 8 in Livingston.

Superintendent Garrison was in Billings on January 9 at a meeting with the Directors of the Billings Chamber of Commerce. Hugh D. Galusha, Jr. also attended this meeting.

Management Assistant Joseph Joffe attended a meeting of the Directors of the Pacific Northwest Travel Association on January 9 in Missoula. He and Stanley Joseph, Assistant Superintendent of Glacier National Park are directors of the PNTA from Montana.

Park Ranger Robert L. Burns returned from Custer Battlefield National Monument on January 10. He had been on a special assignment since December 14, as Acting Superintendent.

Superintendent Garrison and Management Assistant Joffe traveled to Helena on January 12 on public relations work including a Kiwanis Club luncheon where the Superintendent gave a talk on the Park.

Project Supervisor John Reeves was given a special assignment in Missoula on January 12, working on maps and Blister Rust Control planning for Yellowstone, in the U. S. Forest Service Office.

The two weeks Management Seminar held in Washington, from January 19 through 30 was attended by Assistant Superintendent Gastellum, Chief Ranger Brown, Park Engineer Rowe and Chief Park Naturalist Condon.

Acting Chief Park Ranger Frank E. Sylvester and Management Assistant Thomas K. Garry were at the University of Missoula from January 19 to 22 interviewing students for possible seasonal employment next summer in Yellowstone.

On January 20, Superintendent Garrison appointed the following to serve on the Safety Committee for 1959: Robert R. Robinson, Chairman, Joseph Ely, Clerk; Messrs. Elmer F. Armstrong, Thomas K. Garry and Gene F. McLeod, Members, and Messrs. Donald A. Newhart and Edward M. Schultz as Alternates.

Acting Forester Edwards conferred with U.S. Forest Service officials in Missoula on Blister Rust Control and Insect matters on January 21-24.

District Rangers Elt Davis and Harold O. Edwards left for Missoula on January 31 to attend a six weeks Management Training Course at the University.

Mr. Lennart Y. Berg, West District Ranger, gave a talk and showed slides at the West Yellowstone Lions Club on January 13.

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Administration

Personnel. Henry W. Short, reinstatment, Personnel Assistant, GS-9, effective January 11, 1959. Mr. Short was formerly employed in Anchorage, Alaska, with the Joint Board of Civil Service Examiners. He will serve as the Executive Secretary of the local Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

James T. Fisher, converted to Career Conditional, Sign Maker, Ungraded, effective January 5.

Delmar Riley, conversion to Career, Ungraded, Painter, effective January 23.

Lloyd B. Bjerum, resignation, Project Clerk, GS-4, WAE, effective January 5.

William L. England, retirement, mandatory age, January 29.

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners conducted two written examinations during the month. One was a Federal Service Entrance Examination, and the other was a Stenographer-Typist Examination. Considerable interest has been evidenced from employees in the FSEE and another test will be conducted next month.

In-Service Training. All available personnel attended a safety and orientation meeting held in the Canteen on January 30. This was the first meeting in a series which is expected to continue throughout the winter.

Miscellaneous. The first meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees for 1959 was held on January 5 with election of the following officers: President, Thomas K. Garry, Vice President, Lee L. Coleman, Treasurer, George J. Tracy, and Secretary, Harriet I. Summers, Guard, James T. Manion.

Eighteen Explorer Scouts from Livingston enjoyed a trip to Norris Geyser Basin on January 3. Chief Park Naturalist Condon accompanied this group and reported the temperature was 25 degrees below zero but the boys did not complain. This extreme cold weather made the geyser basin more beautiful and the ghost trees were never more impressive.

The Yellowstone Park School resumed classes on January 5.

Mr. Henry J. Pratt received a promotion to First Lieutenant with the U. S. Army Reserve, Infantry Regiment on January 26. Henry serves as Executive and Supply Officer for his regiment. He is Personnel Assistant.

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The American Federation of Government Employees held their regular meeting on January 12.

We are happy to report that Jerry Abbie was honored recently by having one of his pictures carried in the January 6 issue of the PARK COUNTY NEWS. The picture is an interesting sketch of a youngster making his first acquaintance with a half-smoked cigar. Jerry's father, Lester Abbie, is employed as a mechanic by the National Park Service here in Yellowstone. Jerry has been a student at Montana State College at Bozeman, majoring in art.

The Community Council, composed of representatives of various organizations in the Park, held an election on January 14: Richard Miller, Chairman, Thomas E. Garry, Vice Chairman; Aubrey Haines, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Howe was appointed as Advisor.

The Yellowstone Library and Museum Association held its annual meeting in the Visitor Center Office at Mammoth at 2:00 p.m. on January 14. This organization has completed its 28th year of operation and retains two of the members of the Board of Directors who have served each year since its inception, Joseph Joffe and Jack Haynes. The reports of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer and the Clerk were accepted by the Board. There were nine members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting. The Board elected Mr. Arthur Hewitt and Mr. Luis A. Castellum to the Board filling the vacancies of Warren A. Hamilton and John J. Tyers who, within the past year, transferred from Yellowstone National Park. The present members of the Board of Directors are Joseph Joffe, Chairman, David deL. Condon, Executive Secretary, Ann Biastoch, Treasurer, Lemuel A. Garrison, Luis A. Castellum, Merrill D. Beal, Jack E. Haynes, Aubrey L. Haines, Thomas B. Hyde, Otto M. Brown and Arthur F. Hewitt.

Mr. Joseph Joffe was admitted to the Memorial Hospital in Livingston, Montana for surgery on January 15 and remained in the hospital throughout the month.

Mr. Huntley Child, First Vice President of the Yellowstone Park Company has been selected for a four-year term as a member of the Advisory Council to the Montana State University Business Administration School. Mr. Hugh D. Calumba, Jr. has been selected as chairman of the Council.

Snowmobiles of West Yellowstone, operated by Harold Young, made 19 trips from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and return during the month of January, carrying 150 passengers. This was eight trips more than in January 1958 when 80 passengers were transported to Old Faithful.

Work was started on the new accounting system and reporting procedures as outlined in FC 12-36 Supplement No. 5 relative to placing the Service's real property under proper accounting control. This involved securing records from the Federal Records Center in Denver and research work over the years. Journal vouchers have now been prepared to properly identify fixed assets in the amount of $2,040,515.18 which brings Yellowstone up to date from January 1, 1943 when this type of records was first started.

A report on the Geographical Distribution of Payrolls was sent to the Director showing Yellowstone employees came from 45 states in the Union. Copy of earning statements were sent to these states and 8 cities showing earnings during the 1958 calendar year.

A quarterly report was sent to the District Collector of Internal Revenue reporting FICA and Federal Income tax withheld totaling $45,496.64.

Annual reconciliation of taxes withheld together with supporting W-2 forms were sent to the District Collector of Internal Revenue. Taxes withheld from employees amounted to $189,229.06 and 763 W-2 forms were sent. Annual retirement Report revealed 198 employees had accumulated $238,338.49. Salaries paid employees from the three states in which Yellowstone National Park is located, during the 1958 calendar year were: Montana - $707,547.28, Wyoming - $149,183.69, Idaho - $121,814.68. California led outside states with $77,078.77, Washington - $41,594.18, and Colorado - $33,734.05.

Births. A son, Dave Scott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William S. Chapman, Jr., on January 17 in the Memorial Hospital, Livingston. Bill is temporarily employed by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association on exhibit preparation.

Deaths. Mrs. Luisa Holm, January 6, at Karlskoga, Sweden. Mrs. Holm is the mother of Mrs. Victor Hjelm of Yellowstone Park. Mr. Hjelm is employed by the Yellowstone Park Company.

Mrs. Louisa Condon, in Provo, Utah, January 24, mother of David Condon, Chief Park Naturalist.

Marriages. John W. Hughes, of West Yellowstone and Jane G. Lubbock of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married in the Yellowstone Chapel at Mammoth on January 2. The temperature was 29 degrees below zero. Rev. Jack Jennings performed the ceremony. Jack is a Ranger station at West Yellowstone and Jane was employed in the Ranger Office at Mammoth as a Clerk-Typist.

Accidents and Public Safety. At a Safety Committee meeting held on January 13, a summary was given to the Committee regarding automobile accidents in which Government employees were involved.

Cooperative Activities

Publicity. The annual travel story for 1958 was mailed to the press and the Park mailing list on January 26.

On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular Protestant church school and services.

The Rev. Warren W. Ost, Director of a Student Ministry in the National Parks, New York, was in the Park January 9-11 to discuss the religious program of the Park.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. A list has been prepared of the Nez Perce items in the Yellowstone National Park Collection in readiness for use in planning the development of Big Hole Battlefield National Monument Exhibit Plans.

Concessioners. There was a meeting with Yellowstone Park Concessioners in Livingston, Montana on January 8, to discuss 1959 operations. Messrs. Trev Povah and Gar Helppie of Hamilton Stores, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes of Haynes Inc., Messrs. John Q. Nichols, Huntley Child and Hugh Galusha, Jr. of the Yellowstone Park Company, Dr. Alfred M. LUeck of the Yellowstone Park Medical Service and others met with Superintendent Garrison and other National Park Service officials. A group of Livingston businessmen provided a social affair for the Yellowstone group and their wives at the Livingston Golf & Country Club.

The Yellowstone Park Company had a staff meeting in La Jolla, California on January 24 and personnel from Yellowstone Park and Gardiner attended: Messrs. Huntley Child, Charles Marshall, Ronald Latimore and Tom Hallin. There were two promotions within the

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Yellowstone Park Company this month when Fred T. Burke, comptroller, and Thomas J. Hallin, Maintenance & Construction supervisor, were promoted to Vice Presidents.

Protection and Ranger Service. Horseback patrols along the north boundary of the Park were continued throughout the month. An overnight ski patrol was made from the Lone Star Base Camp to Shoshone Lake Geyser Basin and several patrols were made in over-snow equipment from Moran to the South Entrance.

On January 6, 8 and 9 unsuccessful efforts were made to haze bison from the Upper Nez Perce Creek area.

The road was plowed to Lake on January 5. V-plows have made several trips out in the Park this winter in the hopes that a minimum amount of plowing now may expedite spring snow removal.

Law Enforcement. The FBI Special Agent, J. Mason Melvin reported that a Park felony offense committed on May 30, 1956, involving the theft and interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle, has been recently cleared by the arrest of two suspects. The FBI Representative also reported that a case of fraud committed by a Yellowstone Park Company auditor has been cleared with the arrest of the suspect in California. Mr. Melvin also advised that an embezzlement case, involving two Yellowstone Park Company female cabin clerks, has resulted in sentences of two years probation for each defendant. All of the loss, approximately $545, was recovered and will be returned to the Yellowstone Park Company.

Building Fire Protection. Inspection for fire hazards of all Government buildings in the Mammoth Village was completed during the month. Fire extinguishers were inspected and replacements made where necessary.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. These animals can be seen every day between Gardiner and Mammoth on the flats. Seventy-nine were counted within the Park on January 31.

BIRDS. A waterfowl and Bald Eagle census was taken in the West Yellowstone and Old Faithful Sub-districts during the month.

BISON. The buffalo reduction started on January 7 and through the month 31 animals had been removed from the herd by direct reduction.

COYOTES. Coyotes have been seen on nearly every Snowmobile trip from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. Very few coyotes have been observed along the Gallatin this year.

ELK. Direct reduction program for elk started on January 12 in the Lamar Valley. Light snow conditions have seriously hampered the reduction throughout the month. Through January 31, 603 animals had been removed, 409 by direct reduction, 79 by live trapping, and estimated hunter kill of 115.

MARTEN. Tracks of martens have been observed at several places in the Park. One animal was observed near the East Entrance on January 17.

MOOSE. Moose have been observed in several areas in the Park, including East Entrance, Crevice Gulch, Buffalo Pass and Grayling Creek.

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